

- 2) When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age one and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age four and 40 pounds);
- 3) Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat (usually around age four and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age eight or when they are four feet, nine inches tall);
- 4) When children outgrow their booster seats, (usually at age eight or when they are four feet, nine inches tall) they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly (a lap belt lies across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest).

For more information about National Child Passenger Safety Week and the proper use of booster seats, visit www.BoosterSeat.gov or www.buckleupnc.org or www.ncshp.org. Information about child passenger safety clinics across the state is available by contacting Safe Kids North Carolina toll free at 1-888-347-3737.

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